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SOYBEAN INSPECTIONS SHOW SEASONAL DECREASE IN DECEMBER

Receipts of soybeans inspected in December decreased seasonally to 6,311 cars compared with 12,285 cars in November and 30,830 cars in October, according to reports to the Department of Agriculture. December inspections brought the total for the first three months of the season to 49,426 cars compared with 56,425 cars for the same months in 1946 and 57,735 cars in 1945. The average for the month of December for the crop years 1941-45 was 5,883 cars.

The quality of the soybeans inspected in December was considerably below that for the preceding month, only 67 percent grading No. 2 or better compared with 82 percent in November. Eighty-six percent graded No. 2 or better for October-December this season compared with 70 percent last season and 92 percent in 1945.

Inspections of soybeans in December included the equivalent of 131 cars inspected as cargo lots and truck receipts equal to about 111 cars.

Soybeans: Inspected receipts, December 1947, in carlots 1/

Class	Grade					Total :	
	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Sample	December 1947	Total Oct. 1, 1947 - Dec. 31, 1947
Yellow	2,259	1,708	1,286	446	120	5,819	46,727
Green	1	0	1	0	0	2	253
Brown	1	4	5	1	0	11	46
Black	53	94	39	10	7	203	885
Mixed	16	89	85	52	34	276	1,515
Total cars	2,330	1,895	1,416	509	161	6,311	
Percentages	37	30	22	8	3	100	
October-December 1947	Cars: 26,636	15,956	5,007	1,333	494		49,426
	Percentages: 54	32	10	3	1		100
October-December 1946	Cars: 15,268	24,193	13,432	3,152	380		56,425
	Percentages: 27	43	24	5	1		100

1/ Cargo and truck receipts converted to carlots on basis of 1,650 bushels equal 1 carlot



